

Maidenhead in Final

Maidenhead 1 Wycombe 0

A HIGH, curving lob by Hutt found Woolley in the centre. A neat header through to danger man Mullen and Maidenhead had won this Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final replay at Chesham.

And no one, not even the most ardent Wycombe supporter, could complain at the result. The match followed pretty much the same pattern as last week when the teams drew 2-2.

There were no changes in the line-up yesterday but expectations were high that Wycombe would produce better Soccer. But it was not to be.

Early spirited attacks by Maidenhead caught Wycombe off guard and Mullen's goal scored in the 10th minute was enough to clinch the deal for United.

Playing stylish open football, with long, defence-splitting passes to the wingmen, Maidenhead confidently settled down to hold on to their narrow lead.

Flashes of good football came from Wycombe in the later stages of the first half but chances were neglected. A pity, perhaps, for Wycombe, because Maidenhead's keeper White played a shaky, uncertain game.

Mullen, on form, and playing a great game, blasted inches over the bar in the 50th minute and then again 10 minutes later caught the Wycombe defence napping with a brilliant run through the middle from the halfway line which was finally blocked a few yards from goal.

MAIDENHEAD WIN CUP REPLAY

Sports Mail Special Report

ONCE again it was ideal football conditions for this Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final replay. Both teams fielded the same sides that drew 2-2 after extra time at Chesham last week.

Maidenhead: Reynolds; Runicles, Springell; Thomas, Hatt, Pitts; Woolley, Kelman, Mullen, Brinsden, Wise.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Bradshaw, Beck; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Roystone, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Referee: A G Hitchman (Twyford)

The game began at a fast pace with both sides finding the high bouncing ball difficult to control.

In the fifth minute Maidenhead almost went ahead when Brinsden headed a hotly disputed corner against the bar.

But five minutes later MULLEN made no mistake to put Maidenhead ahead with a good shot from a neatly headed pass by Woolley.

The move was instigated by Hatt, who lobbed a high ball into the middle.

Maidenhead continued to play better football, using the short pass to good effect.

Wycombe's first real threat

came in the 28th minute but Roystone shot over.

Springell executed a fantastic scissors kick to clear a Merrick header off the line.

Half-time: Wycombe 0, Maidenhead 1.

The second half produced more spirited football from both sides and the game speeded up considerably as the players became more accustomed to the fast conditions.

Some ill-feeling crept into the game and referee Hitchman had to speak to players from both sides.

A fine run by Mullen was foiled by the quick-tackling Wycombe skipper Bradshaw, and Maskell made a fine 60th minute save at the feet of Brinsden.

Maidenhead resumed command and kept the Wycombe defence on its toes for long periods.

RESULT:

MAIDENHEAD 1
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0